Smt. E. E. VAZ.—I can give detaills :—

From 1-1-1972	to	31-12-1972	quantity seized	91,240 qtls.
			worth	Rs. 50,08,600
From 1-1-1973	to	22-3-1973	quantity seized	22,298 qtls.
			worth	Rs. 15,63,540

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ತಪ್ಪು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ 3359 ಕೇಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಬುಕ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅಂದರೆ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ 10 ಕೆಜಿ, 20 ಕೆಜಿ, 15 ಕೆಜಿ ಯನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿದದ್ದೇ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಎಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ಮನೆಗೆ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಲು ಇಟ್ಟುಂತಹ ಅಕ್ಕಿಯನ್ನು ಪೋಲೀಸರು ಹಿಡಿದು ಜನರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಇ. ಇ. ವಾಜ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆ ಹೇಗೆ ನಾವು ಲಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿಯುತ್ತೇವೆಯೋ ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಹೆಡ್ ಲೋಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹ ಹಿಡಿಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಲಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋದರೆ ಹಿಡಿಯುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು 20-30 ಜನರು ಸೇರಿ ಹೆಡ್ ಲೋಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೆ ಅದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಸಲಹೆಯನ್ನು ಸಹ ಗಮನಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Let us know if there are any cases which have been booked and which do not come within the purview of law. If there are any cases which do not come within the purview of law, we are wrong.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ವಿವರಣೆ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಕೊಡಬಹುದು. ಸಣ್ಣ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಕೇಸುಗಳು ಅಂದರೆ 5 ಕೆಜಿ, 10 ಕೆಜಿ ಯ ಕೇಸುಗಳೇ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಇವೆ.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I would submit that we need not jump to conclusions. If there is any harassment, it is highly wrong and I don't intend to continue such things. As long as the cases are booked according to law, nothing can be done.

Sri H. D. DEVE GOWDA.—You have given here hundreds of cases which have been acquitted without prosecution. Such cases are booked only with the purpose of harrasment by the police officers.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—We are not in the least interested in harassing the people. With that approach we should not look into the cases. Sometimes withdrawals do take place for want of evidence, etc. Under what circumstance each case has been withdrawn is a matter which has got to be gone into. In majority of cases we cannot straightaway accept that they were all with a view to cause harassment. That is my point.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—We will go to the next item.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : **Distrubances and Lathi Charge in Mudigere.**

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the disturbance and lathi charge in Mudigere.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).— I state as follows :—

The Police of Mudigere received a complaint on 25-2-1973 alleging that a girl aged about 16 years was assaulted by an unknown miscreant while she was returning to Gunibylu from Mudigere at about 13.00 hrs. on 24-2-1973. A case in Mudigere Police Station under section 341, 498, 506, 363 read with 511 IPC was registered. After thorough investigation, the identity of the accused was established and he was arrested, and the girl was subjected to Medical Examination.

Alleging that the Police had failed to take servere action against the accused person in this case, a group of students took out a procession in Mudigepe town on 27-2-1973 and proceeded to Bidarahalli Village (2 miles from Mudigere) where the incident took place and blocked the main road with stones and other materials. The local Police proceeded to the spot with armed reserve and requested the demonstrators to disperse. But the demonstrators not only refused to disperse, but also indulged in pelting stones at the Police party and attempted to damage a van carrying Kerosene oil. 3 Police constables received stone hits and the Police Jeep was slightly damaged. Apprehending further trouble, the Police resorted to a mild cane charge to disperse the crowd. Two persons who sustained minor injuries were treated in the hospital.

As precautionary measure, prohibitory order under Section 35 of the Mysore Police Act was promulgated. A peace Committee was constituted to restore normalcy and police pickets were posted to avert any untowards developments and to maintain law and order.

Principal of the local Junior College was requested to close the College till 4-3-1973.

Situation is reported to be peaceful.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಈ ಘಟನೆ ಫೆಬ್ರುವರಿ 24ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯಿತು. **ನೀವು** ಯಾರನ್ನು ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ? ಅದು ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—26-2-1973.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—24ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಘಟನೆ ನಡೆದಿದೆ. 27ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದರ ವಿವರಗಳೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಈ ಘಟನೆಗೆ ಬೇರೆಬೇರೆ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿವೆ. ಈ ಘಟನೆ 23ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದಿದೆ. 26ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—24ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಘಟನೆ ನಡೆಯಿತು. 25ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಅಥವಾ 27ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನಮೇಲೆ ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೋ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—27ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಲ್ಲ. ಅದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುಂಚೆಯೇ ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ಕಕ್ಕಿಲಾಯ.—ಮೆಡಿಕಲ್ ಎಗ್ಸಾಮಿನೇಷನನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ ? ಅದಕ್ಕೇನಾದರೂ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಇದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಇದು ಆದದ್ದು ಮಾರನೇ ದಿನ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರೋ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ಅಂಶಗಳು ಸತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ದೂರವಾಗಿವೆ. ಕಾರಣವಿಷ್ಟೇ. 24ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಈ ಘಟನೆ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಮೂಡಿಗೆರೆ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲೂ ಕೆಲವು ಜನರು ಈ ರೀತಿ ಪ್ರಚೋದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಂತಹವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಹತೋಟಿ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರೋ ಅಥವಾ ಹೀಗೆಯೇ ಬಿಡುತ್ತೀರೋ ? ಇದನ್ನು ಹೀಗೆಯೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಇದು ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಕೋಪಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆಂಬುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಅಗಾಗ್ಗೆ ಇಂತಹ ಘಟನೆಗಳು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಭವಿಸದ ಹಾಗೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಆದರೆ ಅನೇಕ ಜನರು ತಮ್ಮ ಕೈಕೆಳಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ಈ ಕೇಸನ್ನು ಶೀಘ್ರವಾಗಿ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಅವರಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಾದ ಕೂಡಲೇ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. A case was registered. But immediately he could not be identified. He was apprehended probably on 25th. Whatever statements we made we have to make with an element of caution. Secondly, it might result in my revelation of certain things. The police have not delayed or acted with a view to allow somebody to escape. At the same time, I want to say if the people were to take the law into their own hands then how can the Government keep quiet.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—It is reported that a girl of 16 years was assaulted and medical examination is done after 24 hours. The evidence of assault and physical injuries are bound to be banished by that time. Further whether the students who demonstrated were arrested and if so will the Government withdraw the cases booked against them ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Under what circumstances the cases were booked I cannot say now. I cannot also say that the cases will be withdrawn.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether that girl was assaulted or molested.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—That question can't be allowed because the matter is *sub-judice*.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—It has been specifically stated that the girl has been aasaulted, which is on the basis of the Police report. But, according to the information we have, the girl was molested. Admittedly the girl was examined the next day. That is why all this trouble !

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—A report may be here. But the whole thing is under the purview of the Court now. Does the hon. member want that somebody here should give the judgement ?

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—I remember there is a Ruling that even though some matters are before the Court, it does not mean that the concerned Minister should not clarify the matter.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The facts have been elucidated. Since the matter is *sub-judice*, it is better it rests there.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾರ್ ಅಟೆನ್‌ಷನ್‌ನೋಟಿನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇಕೆಂದೇ ಉದ್ದೇಶಪೂರ್ವಖವಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರಕೊಡುವುದನ್ನು ನಿಧಾನ ಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಅತ್ತ ಪೋಲೀಸರು ಕೋರ್ಟಿಗೆ ಚಾರ್ಜಿಷೀಟನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆಗ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ನದ್ ಜುಡೀಸ್ ಎಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ಬಾಯಿ ಮುಚ್ಚಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಸಾವ ನ್ಯಾಯ ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—That is a wrong conclusion.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಕೋರ್ಟಿಗೆ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ಚಾರ್ಜ್‌ಷೀಟನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರ ಬಹುದು. ಆದರೆ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲೇ ಲೋಪದೋಷಗಳಿದ್ದರೆ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ನಾವು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಗೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೇನು ಅಭ್ಯಂತರವಿದೆ ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Does the hon. member mean defects in investigation?

Sri S. BANGARAPPA.—If there are some lapses by the Police during investigation, we can put questions so far as those matters are concerned.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—Sir, I rise to a Point of Order. When the Chair has ruled that it is *sub-judice*, it is not in the fitness of things and it will be contrary to the Rules of Procedure that the hon. members try to pursue the matters further. If the hon. members have any information at their command it is open to them to pass it on to the Investigating Officers, which would help the Investigating Officers.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—In the Rules of Procedure itself it is stated that when a decision has been given by the Chair it is to be obeyed and it is not to be questioned. I said that the matter is *sub-judice*. Hon member Sri Bangarappa seems to have a vigourous mind and says that the investigation is defective ; he wants to correct it. The investigation papers cannot be entrusted to him. How can the hon. member know whether there is a lacuna ? If he still has any doubt, he can write a letter to the Government or the Chief Minister himself.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Sir, let not the hon. members be under the misapprehension that there was delay in the matter. As soon as the Police received the complaint, they have gone to the spot immediately and taken action. There is no delay on the part of the Police and there is also no delay in medical examination.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Sir, if I remeber correct, there is a Ruling on a similar situation by late Sri B. V. Baliga that even if the matter is before the Court.....

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I also remember about it. When the matter is pending by way of first-hand report or actually the charge-sheet is not sent, there is a line of demarkation. Here, it is very clear that the charge-sheet has been sent and therefore the matter is clearly *sub-judice*. Too much of details cannot be elicited in this case. It is all for the Court to decide. Let us go to the next Call Attention Notice.

Sri S. M. SHEERNALI CHANDRASEKHAR.—Sir, I have been authorised. I may be permitted to call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The letter that I have received just now is faulty. Your name is not there. Only questions can be authorised but not Call Attention notices.

Sri S. BANGARAPPA.—Sir, since the matter is important, Sri Chandrasekhar may please be permitted.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I cannot be so much liberal violating the Rules of procedure.

Arrest and Release of Sri Kadasiddappa—Announcement

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER;—I have received a communication from the Sub-Inspector of Police, Honnali, Shimoga District, stating that Sri Kadasiddappa, M.L.A. was arrested on 23-3-1973 at 8.10 a.m. at Honnali under non-bailable warrant for an offence under sections 406 and 408 of I.P.C. issued by the Munsiff Magistrate, Shikaripura and that he was produced before the Court and later discharged and released since the case was withdrawn.

First Report of the Committee on Petitions—Presentation

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I present the First Report of the Committee on Petitions. Report presented.

Disturbances at Bangalore on 23-3-1973

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಶನಿವಾರದ ದಿನ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ನಡೆಸಿದ ರಾಟ ಚಾರ್ಜಿನ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ದಿವಸ ಕೊಡುವು ದಾಗಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. ಆ ಘಟನೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಮೂಲಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

2-30 P.M.

Statement by the Minister for Public Works and Electricity *re*: Disturbances at Bangalore on 23-3-1973.

† Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is reported that a Kannada picture entitled "Bangarada Manushya" is being exhibited at the States Cinema